prehension of disastrous effect of the new industrial policy on small industries; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) While the Industrial policy for SSI has been widely welcomed by all sections of SSI, a few have also expressed apprehensions on certain aspects of the Policy.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government have tried to dispel apprehensions on different forums. The apprehensions expressed by Indian Council of Small Industries have also been attempted to be dispelled through a reply in this regard.

Review of appointments in public Sector Undertakings

439. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been reviewing cases of appointments made during March to June 1991 in Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether Government have decided some of the cases till now;

(c) whether it is a fact that concerned Ministries of these Undertakings have been avoiding to implement Government decision; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that Government's decision in such case is implemented forthwith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir Government has been reviewing the appointments of Chief Executives of Central Public Undertakings made during the last General Election period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

News item under the title 'Vagaries of bureaucracy grip DGTD'

440. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Indian Express* dated 5th April, 1992 under the caption 'Vagaries of bureaucracy grip DGTD' to the effect that top bureaucrats are taking contradictory decisions regarding reorganisation of DGTD;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to expedite reorganisation of D.G.T.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the news item captioned "Vagaries of bureaucracy grip DGTD". Recent economic initiatives in the form of major industrial, fiscal and trade liberalisations have led to revised perceptions about the role, functions and organisational structure of several Ministries/Departments/Organisations. Consequently, it has become necessary to restructure several of these, including the Directorate General of Technical Development (DGTD). The proposal to restructure the DGTD is under consideration and Government have not taken any decision in this regard. However, following an interim re-appraisal of the role and functions of the DGTD 175 posts in different grades, have been abolished.

Prices of Tyres

441. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of tyres have been rising continuously during the last few years;

(b) whether the tyre manufacturers are threatening another hike in prices; and